October 14, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

After carefully reviewing and considering all information presented by the applicants at the hearings held by the Louisiana Board of Pardons on October 11 and 12, 2004 at First Circuit Court of Appeal, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the actions taken by the Board on their clemency requests are listed as follows:

Applicant	DOC Number	Decision	
Marcelino Diaz	291488	4-0 Denied	Forgery, Felony Theft, Attempted
Felony			Felony Theft
Edward L. Giovanni, Jr.	96746	4-0 Denied	First Degree Murder (3cts)
Albert Patterson	120031	4-0 Denied	Second Degree Murder
Herbert Joseph	76013	4-0 Denied	Aggravated Rape
Edward Thibodeaux	101655	4-0 Denied	Second Degree Murder
James Forrest	86655	4-0 Denied	First Degree Murder
Gary Ashley	106431	4-0 Denied	Armed Robbery
Melvin Mason	78559	4-0 Denied	Aggravated Rape, Armed Robbery
Bobby Strickland	210792	4-0 Denied	Distribution of Cocaine
Leroy Smith	98036	Removed	Deceased
Ernest Bland	72384	3-1 Denied	Armed Robbery, Aggravated Rape
Richard M. Brown	81910	4-0 ADV	Second Degree Murder
William Clayton, Jr.	65518	4-0 Grant	Commuted to 60 years – Second
			Degree Murder
Ahmad Muhammad	91193	4-0 Denied	First Degree Murder
Morris Oselen	87604	4-0 ADV	Aggravated Rape
Jewel Spotville	76147	4-0 Denied	Aggravated Rape
Gerald Willis	103259	4-0 Denied	Aggravated Rape, Aggravated
			Kidnapping, First Degree Murder
Nelson Wilson	122929	4-0 Denied	First Degree Murder
		Yours truly,	

Ronald D. Cox Chairman Louisiana Board of Pardons